IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Customer No.: 27182

Facey et al. Confirmation No.: 7390

Application No.: 10/670,460 Group Art Unit: 1793

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Title: METHOD FOR CENTERING

A SPUTTER TARGET ONTO A BACKING PLATE AND THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 28, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the previously submitted Reply to the Office Action dated November 8, 2007 and reformatted to comply with CFR 1.121. In the previous submission, the formatting had been altered in the electronic uploading of the document.

Respectfully submitted,

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